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TAGS: ENRG, OTRA, SA, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROBINSON MEETING WITH YAMANI

REF: STATE 53564

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR AKINS IN RIYADH MARCH 12, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI REGRETTED THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA DURING THE MONTH. HE WILL GO TO STATES AROUND APRIL 8 AND STAY THERE THROUGH THE 20TH. HE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY ROBINSON TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA.

- 2. YAMANI SAID HE HAD OUTLINED HIS POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY AND UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON. DETAILS HAD COME OUT IN THE ALGIERS OPEC MEETING WHERE, HE SAID, SAUDI ARABIA PLAYED THE MAJOR (INDEED THE ONLY) ROLE IN PREVENTING AGREEMENT ON HIGHER OIL PRICES IMMEDIATELY. THE SHAH, HE SAID, WAS THE PRINCIPLE ADVOCATE OF HIGHER PRICES.
- 3. SAUDI ARABIA AND NIGERIA, HE SAID, PLAYED THE MAJOR ROLES IN ELIMINATING INSULTING REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WERE PUSHED BY ALGERIA, LIBYA AND IRAQ. HE SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS BY BOUMEDIENNE AND DISGUSTED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF JALLOUD.

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4. YAMANI SAID FAHD'S AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE KING WERE CLEAR: IF OPEC INSISTED ON EITHER AN ANTI-AMERICAN DIATRIBE OR HIGHER OIL PRICES SAUDI ARABIA WOULD HAVE LEFT THE MEETING.

5. HE ASKED THAT UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON PLEASE PASS ANY URGENT MESSAGE TO HIM VIA AMEMBASSY JIDDA. AKINS

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